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September 12, 2005

Mr. Darren Newton Marine Corps Air Station El Toro Base Realignment and Closure 7040 Trabuco Road Irvine, CA 92618

SUBJECT: DRAFT SOIL REMOVAL REPORT, OPERABLE UNIT (OU) 1A (IRP-

13S), FORMER MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, TUSTIN

Dear Mr. Newton:

We have completed our review of the above-referenced document, dated July 13, 2005, which we received on July 14, 2005. Soil with trichloroethylene (TCE) concentrations greater than the target cleanup goal of 400 microgram/kilogram (μ g/kg) was excavated in order to remove source material that could potentially impact groundwater. The soil was transported offsite to an appropriate disposal facility. The groundwater that was encountered during excavation was pumped out and transported to the groundwater treatment facility at UST Site 222 for treatment. The treated groundwater was discharged to the storm drain.

We accept the findings of the report regarding the removal of the soil with TCE concentrations greater than the target cleanup goal.

If you should have any questions, please call me at (951) 782-4498 or send e-mail to phannon@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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